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SUBGROUP I - FINAL REPORT

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1. SUBGROUP I MEETING ENDED TOWARD MIDNIGHT FRIDAY OCT 4. DRAFTING GROUP WORKED ALL DAY ON 28 RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL WORKING GROUP. PLENARY SESSION IN LATE EVENING APPROVED SUBSTANCE OF FINAL DOCUMENT WITH FEW CHANGES. COLOMBIA WILL NOW POLISH SPANISH TEXT AND WRITE ENGLISH TRANSLATION, WHICH DOES NOT YET EXIST, AND CIRCULATE TO ALL DELS FOR APPROVAL. THUS REPORT WILL NOT BE FINAL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. JAMAICANS PARTICULARLY ADVISED THAT THEIR APPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS WAS CONDITIONAL ON CAREFUL STUDY OF ENGLISH TEXT WHEN THEY GET IT IN KINGSTON.

2. ALMOST ALL RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTED TOWARD LATIN AMERICANS, AND ALMOST ALL RESPONSIVE TO SUBGROUP'S TERMS OF REFERENCE. THIS REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM TONE OF FIRST DAY OF MEETING WHEN NUMEROUS PROPOSALS WERE DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AT US, ESPEC-

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ially relating to type and amount of US assistance. change appears

TO BE RESULT OF US REACTION TO "GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS" PRESENTED FIRST DAY (BOGOTA 8842), WHEN US DEL POINTED OUT DISCUSSION OF ASSISTANCE LEVELS PREMATURE AND BEYOND SCOPE OF SUBGROUP I. PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEXT OF THESE "GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS" BY SEPTTEL. REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTED TOWARD INTERACTION BETWEEN "INDUSTRIALIZED, MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" (UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE SUCH AS BRAZIL IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL DC'S) AND OTHER LATIN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

3. CHILEAN DEL PUSHED HARD FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR CREATION OF SPECIAL FUND FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WITH CONTRIBUTIONS BASED ON PERCENTAGE OF GNP. ARGENTINA AND JAMAICA SUPPORTED CHILEAN, BUT COLOMBIA AND MEXICO UNENTHUSIASTIC AND US OPPOSED. COMPROMISE REACHED TO RECOMMEND TO SUBGROUP IV "STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF" CREATING SUCH A FUND. GNP FORMULA WOULD PUT US SHARE OF FUND AT ABOUT 100 DOLS MILLION. SPANISH TEXT OF CHILEAN PROPOSAL BY SEPTTEL FOR BENEFIT OF SUBGROUP IV DEL.

4. BRAZIL MADE STRENUOUS EFFORT TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION FOR REAFFIRMATION OF TWO TO ONE FINANCING FORMULA FOR OAS SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM APPROVED AT MAR DEL PLATA. AFTER OBJECTIONS BY US AND OTHERS THAT THIS MATTER MORE APPROPRIATE FOR UPCOMING OAS MEETING IN WASHINGTON, BRAZIL RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO WITHDRAW RECOMMENDATION. OAS REP (CONTRERAS OF CEPACIECC) CONTRIBUTED SOME CLARIFICATION OF SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM EARLY ON, BUT OTHERWISE PLAYED NO ACTIVE ROLE DURING THREE-DAY MEETING.

5. AFTER SOME TESTINESS FIRST DAY, ATMOSPHERE OF MTG MORE CONGENIAL AND NONCONFRONTATIONAL THAN WE HAD EXPECTED. ALL ACTIVE LATIN PARTICIPANTS WERE FRIENDLY AND REASONABLE. PARTLY BECAUSE OF THEIR DEPENDENCE ON US FOR ENGLISH VERSIONS, BY LAST DAY JAMAICAN ATTITUDE TOWARD US HAD BECOME QUITE FRIENDLY AND ACCOMMODATING. OVERALL, US DEL PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY TONE OF MEETING AND MODERATELY ENCOURAGED BY SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS.
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